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This is a request for a ☐ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09226,396

filed on January 6, 1999, entitled HEATING DEVICE OR HEATING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS IN THERMAL PROCESSING CHAMBERS

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

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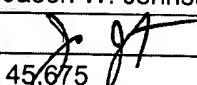
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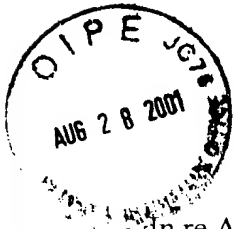
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Serial No.: 09/226,396

Filed: January 6, 1999

For: HEATING DEVICE FOR
HEATING SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFERS IN THERMAL
PROCESSING CHAMBERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-31.

Please add claims 32-73.

32. An apparatus for heat treating semiconductor wafers comprising:
a thermal processing chamber adapted to contain a semiconductor wafer; and
a heating device in communication with said thermal processing chamber for
heating a semiconductor wafer in said chamber, said heating device comprising: